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Revenue Department Adds Additional Individual And Business Names To Internet Delinquent Accounts List

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue has added 295 individuals and 274 businesses to its Internet delinquent tax account list Georgia Commissioner of Revenue Bart L. Graham announced today.

The list, which can be accessed at www.gatax.org, now names 495 individuals and 474 businesses that have a delinquent tax account with the state.

"We have collected more than \$300,000 since we announced that we would be posting the names of delinquent tax account holders on the Internet," Commissioner Graham stated.

The Department announced its intent to publish the names on the Internet on Feb. 2 and first posted the list on Feb. 9.

"We intend to continue expanding the list to name more of Georgia's tax scofflaws," said Commissioner Graham. "The Internet posting is part of our larger objective to level the playing field for the vast majority of Georgia taxpayers who diligently pay their income and business-associated taxes."

Each individual and business on the "Georgia Tax Delinquent List" has a recorded tax execution (lien) filed against them in the county superior court where the individual resided or business was located at the time of recording. The amounts due shown on the list do not necessarily reflect the account's current outstanding balance. The taxpayer could have made payments since the lien was recorded or additional interest and penalties could have accrued. Before recording the lien, the Department made multiple attempts to communicate the tax liability to the taxpayer. The notices provided the taxpayer with an opportunity to pay the liability or to explain any discrepancies in the Department's information.

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